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TAGS: OVIP (CEAUSESCU, NICOLAE), RO

SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU

REF: BUCHAREST 1978 AND 2043

1. YOU SHOULD TELL CEAUSESCU THAT HIS VISIT IS AWAITED WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND THAT WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT IT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN OUR RELATIONS. TOWARD THAT END, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHAT ISSUES HE EXPECTS TO BRING UP WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. FROM OUR SIDE, WE EXPECT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL WANT TO FOCUS ON GLOBAL ISSUES SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS. WE EXPECT THAT THE FIRST MEETING AND PART OF THE SECOND MIGHT BE DEVOTED TO SUCH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, WITH BILATERAL MATTERS ALSO COVERED IN THE SECOND MEETING (APR. 13) AND IN THE PROPOSED MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL
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2. FYI. THE ROMANIAN ADVANCE PARTY HEADED BY ECOBESCU AND PACEPA PROPOSED THAT THE HIRC LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR APRIL 13 BE REPLACED BY A LUNCHEON/PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, AND WE ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO THAT

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